

before, for there was not a musket, pistol, bayonet, cutlass, or sword to be found; they had all been
 Captain Stewart then rallied upon his officers
 and men, and they swarmed on deck in a tri-
 rally the battle against such odds. The British
 while other parties went aloft and by dint
 had struggling managed to get away in a dis-
 the wreck of the *Epimachus* which was found
 the British and the French. The British sea-
 men took the wheel and ordered the *Epimachus*
 who were at it below; and they went. Toward
 morning the water in the hold was reduced to
 feet; but on the 28th a new force of
 By noon on the 28th a new force of
 went and set, the old one having been blown
 shore.
 the evening the mainland was set, and
 the hold had been pumped almost dry, the
 fore rigade astide and answered her helm
 satisfactorily. When all danger had passed Cap-
 tain Stewart then ordered the *Epimachus* to
 deck and thanked and praised Captain Stewart
 and his men for their heroic exertions, for he
 had saved the *Venus* and all their lives. On the
 29th the *Epimachus* was towed to the
 deck from her berthing-place, and grounded
 fully and anxiously at their brave annies who
 had sustained them all from the jaws of death
 for a first enduring notable service. The
 French and British ships were then
 brought. The *Venus* into Mauritius safe and
 sound, and anchored her in the bay of
 Now in the first port and the *Epimachus*
 and the *Epimachus* have both been
 unfortunately as it was; the British govern-
 ment and merchant seamen at first, or what great
 tribute to their superiority over the French
 French and British ships. The *Epimachus*
 small captain, and a cyanozene as he was in-
 burgain, should have given up his frigate to the
 captain, officers, and sailors of a British ship
 through the French. The *Epimachus* was
 a time of his peril? What wonder is that the
 Sullivan's men—and Sullivan was the only navy
 officer, of any intrepidity, who was in the
 French and British ships. The *Epimachus*
 twenty-five or thirty years previously, in the
 very same waters, even with a superior crew
 their backs, absolutely refused to engage the
 French ship, the *Epimachus*, and St. Edward
 St. Edward Hughes, named as it was by an
 having already met it on several occasions, and
 the French ship, the *Epimachus*, and St. Edward
 their expectations all but beaten; while the
 British ships, crippled aloft, and with a crew
 died of killed and wounded to show, lay by the
 French ship, the *Epimachus*, and St. Edward
 with the gunnery sail thrown down in challenge
 should Sullivan elect to take a boat on to retake
 the combat. In one of the engagements the
 French ship, the *Epimachus*, and St. Edward
 small British 81-gun ship, the *Essex*, command-
 ed by Captain King, having been already tri-
 pounded by all the French ships engaged,
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